

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT DENVER REGULATORY OFFICE, 9307 SOUTH WADSWORTH BOULEVARD LITTLETON, COLORADO 80128-6901

January 5, 2016

SUBJECT: Wetland Mitigation Bank Compliance Action No. NWO-1999-80718-DEN, Mile High Wetland Mitigation Bank

Mile High Wetland Group, LLC C/O Laurie Rink 305 Oak Run Road Carbondale, CO 81623

Ms. Rink:

On December 8, 2015 our office and members of the Interagency Review Team (IRT) conducted a site visit to your Mile High Wetland Mitigation Bank. Your efforts regarding the mitigation work associated with this project are greatly appreciated. While we are impressed with the bank's overall success in meeting the previously agreed-upon physical wetland criteria, there were some items that threaten this bank's long-term success.

- 1. There has been cut vegetation placed in wetlands along the west side of the bank property that needs to be removed.
- 2. There is currently no conservation easement on the property. A conservation easement is vital to the long term sustainability of the site.
- 3. There is currently no long-term steward for the property and one needs to be identified and approved by the IRT.
- 4. The long-term steward should develop a long-term management plan to be approved by the IRT.

This bank has been sold out of credits since 2012. At the current time, **The Mile High Wetland Bank is not in compliance** because of the above mentioned information. As such, any activity taking place within the mitigation bank that is not in compliance with prior agreements and/or impacts the wetland credit areas may result in revocation and/or suspension of credits.

The above-listed information must be submitted to the IRT by **June 1, 2016** or you may be asked to use money from previous credit sales to purchase credits at another bank. If you have any questions call Mr. Stephen Decker of this office at (303) 979-4120 and reference Corps File No. NWO-1999-80718-DEN.

Sincerely,

Stephen Decker Senior Environmental Scientist Denver Regulatory Office

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